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MAY 2. 1974

TO:

PETER RODMAN

FOR:

HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM:

BRENT SCOVCROFT

SHULTZ HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING REPLY TO YOUR NOTE ON THE \$54 BILLION UN FUND (HAKTO 69):

QUOTE

DEAR HENRY:

I APPRECIATE YOUR LETTER ABOUT THE CURRENT GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL PROGRAM OF EMERGENCY MEASURES TO AID DISADVANTAGED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FUND.

MY FEELING IS THAT THE U.S. SHOULD COOPERATE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN ATTEMPTING TO SET UP APPROPRIATE MULTI-LATERAL ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE THE FLOW OF RESOURCES TO THESE COUNTRIES, AND I THINK WE SHOULD KEEP OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT OUR SITUATION, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE FUTURE EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ON PL-480 TERMS, WILL PERMIT US IN TIME TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION. ON THE OTHER HAND, I GATHER THAT THE US-UN FLOATING OF THE IDEA OF A GENERAL TARGET DID NOT DETER THE LDC DRIVE TO VOTE A SPECIFIC NEW FUND IN THE UN. IN MY JUDGMENT IT WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE FOR US TO DEMONSTRATE ANY SYMPATHY FOR SUCH A FUND, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT SINCE WE HAVE NOT CONSULTED CONGRESS WE WOULD RUN A SERIOUS RISK OF TORPEDO-ING THE IDA REPLENISHMENT. MOREVOVER, THERE ARE STRONG GROUNDS FOR DOUBT THAT A ONE-NATION ONE-VOTE FUND IN THE UN WOULD ATTRACT WIDE-SPREAD CONTRIBUTIONS.

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SINCERELY YOURS,
/S/ GEORGE P. SHULTZ

UNQUOTE .

WARM REGARDS.

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